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Small Business

SMALL BUSINESS

An information session about the Business Longitudinal Survey will be held in Sydney on the 9th of June. The survey is being conducted to identify and measure the factors

which might influence growth and performance in Australian firms, focusing on small business. The session will discuss progress with the survey and other small and medium enterprise research programs.

The ABS is interested in gathering feedback on the topics covered in the survey and is seeking suggestions for new topics to be included in future research or surveys. Contact Bill Markham on (02) 9268 4376 or email bill.markham@abs.gov.au

Disability Ageing and Carers

DISABILITY AGEING AND CARERS

An information session presenting results from the 1998 Disability Ageing and Carers Survey will be held in late June. Summary findings from the survey were released in April (Cat no. 4430.0). NSW summary table sets (Cat no. 4430.1.40.001) are also available. These publications include both national and state statistics on the population, living arrangements, education and labour force participation of people with disabilities and those aged over 65 years. Social participation, carer information and the need for assistance are also described. Please contact us for more information.

Households, Families and Living Arrangements

HOUSEHOLDS, FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

The ABS is currently developing a method for projecting numbers of households, numbers of families and living arrangements of persons, with the intention of publishing projections by the end of August 1999. An overview of the proposed method is given in [**Demography Working Paper 99/1: Projections of Households, Families and Living Arrangements - Work in Progress at April 1999**](#). Contact Sue Taylor on (02) 6252

2001 Census

2001 CENSUS

To find out how the ABS is going to conduct Australia's next census you should read **2001 Census: Nature and Content** (Cat no. 2008.0). This publication, due to be released in September, outlines the content of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing and the procedures to be followed in collecting, processing and releasing the data.

Australian Social Trends

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS 1999

Australian Social Trends 1999 (Cat no. 4102.0) is due for release in July. Statistical analysis and commentary are presented on a wide range of current social issues including population change, families, health, education, training, work, income and housing. This year the feature article reviews Australians' participation in culture and leisure activities, such as sport, the arts and the home use of information technology.

State Accounts

STATE ACCOUNTS

The ABS released Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat no. 5220.0) on the 14th of May, the first release since the 1995-96 issue. This publication implements the revised Standards of National Accounts (SNA93) and includes dissections for the last 12 years on various national accounting aggregates by State and Territory.

Environment Protection

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Environment Protection Expenditure, Australia, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (Cat no. 4603.0) is due for release at the end of June. It analyses data on costs incurred by governments, industry and households on environment protection measures. It also provides estimates of expenditure on pollution abatement and control and other environmental expenditures by the public sector and some industry sectors.

We are currently evaluating the content of the Environment Protection Expenditure survey and would welcome your feedback on how you use this information and whether it meets your needs. Contact Mary Patton on (02) 6252 5643 or email mary.patton@abs.gov.au before the end of July.

Use of Information Technology

USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 1998 (Cat no. 8146.0) has been released. This presents statistics (including State estimates) on the use of selected items of information technology by households in Australia. Statistics include numbers and types of computers used, types of software, expenditure and planned expenditure and source of computer training.

Recently released, Business Use of Information Technology, Australia, 1997-98, Preliminary (Cat no. 8133.0) contains broad level statistics on the use of information technology by businesses in Australia.

Indigenous Health

INDIGENOUS HEALTH

1995 National Health Survey: Indigenous Persons Output Development File (ABS Cat no. 4324.0.30.001) is now available. The file is

similar in content and format to the **1995 National Health Survey: Sample File**, but some fields have been omitted and the level of detail has been reduced to protect the confidentiality of respondents. This file enables users to manipulate data and prepare computer code to produce output. The ABS will run that code against the complete Indigenous persons file and return the output to the user. The file is available subject to the approval of the Australian Statistician. For further information contact Mike Langan on (02) 6252 6403 or email mike.langan@abs.gov.au

Employment Arrangements and Superannuation

EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND SUPERANNUATION

The ABS is developing the Survey of Employment Arrangements and Superannuation. Government policy in many fields, including superannuation, is based on the assumption that people are in 'standard' employment. It is important to understand the extent to which this situation is changing and what new working arrangements are emerging. The survey will be in the field in 2000 with first results available in 2001. Contact Mel Butler on (02) 6252 5936 if you would like to discuss this issue.

Economy Wide Statistics

ECONOMY WIDE STATISTICS

Experimental economic estimates for selected industries, sourced from the ABS Economic Activity Survey and Australian Taxation Office data, are now included in **Business Operations and Industry Performance, Australia, 1996-97** (Cat no. 8140.0). The estimates relate primarily to the service industries and are available for 1996-97, 1995-96 and 1994-95. For further information contact Sheridan Pritchard on (02) 6252 5521.

Crime and Safety, NSW

CRIME AND SAFETY, NSW

The ABS is currently conducting a survey to investigate the number of household **break-ins**, attempted break-ins, personal robberies and assaults, motor vehicle thefts and sexual assaults that have occurred in the 12 months prior to the survey. Also to be investigated are the proportion of incidents reported to police, Neighbourhood Watch Programs and perceptions of crime problems. The results from this survey are due to be released in December of this year. For further information contact Julie Young on (02) 9268 4497.

Museums

MUSEUMS

Museums, Australia (Cat no. 4145.0) contains statistics on Australia's small museums, such as those belonging to companies and universities. Information is provided on employment, artefacts on display, exhibitions developed, conservation and preservation measures, income and expenditure and admissions. Data is provided for both states and territories. Statistics for all museums is also provided for comparison.

Statistical Training

STATISTICAL TRAINING

ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy will be offering several courses in the coming months.

- **Basic Survey Design** gives participants a grounding in all facets of survey development (20-21 July)
- **Introduction to Sampling Techniques** is designed to introduce participants to design and analysis of sample surveys (10-11 August)
- **Turning Data Into Information** (27-28 July and 6-7 October)

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Selected Releases

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To order ABS publications please contact the Bookshop on (02) 9268 4620	
1299.0	An Introduction to Sample Surveys: A User's Guide, 1999 (\$26.00)
1300.1	New South Wales Year Book, 1999 (\$44.00)
1303.1	New South Wales at a Glance, 1999 (\$1.10)
1304.1	Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 1999 (\$25.00)
1307.1	Economic Indicators, New South Wales, April 1999 (\$16.00)
1307.1	Economic Indicators, New South Wales, May 1999 (\$16.00)
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1998 (\$19.50)
3311.1	Demography, New South Wales, 1997 (\$26.00)
4103.0	Population Survey Monitor, February 1999 (\$16.00)
4173.0	Time Use on Culture/Leisure Activities, 1997 (\$2.00)

4221.0	Schools, Australia, 1998 (\$24.00)
4430.0	Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 1998 (\$22.00)
4512.0	Corrective Services, Australia, December Quarter 1998 (\$18.00)
4607.0	Fish Account, Australia, 1997 (\$24.00)
4387.1	Household Safety, New South Wales, October 1998 (\$17.00)
5368.0	International trade in Goods and Services, Australia, March 1999 (\$16.00)
5609.0	Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia, January 1999 (\$16.00)
5609.0	Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia, February 1999 (\$16.00)
5671.0	Lending Finance, Australia, March 1999 (\$15.50)
6201.1	Labour Forces, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, February 1999 (\$21.00)
6202.0.40.001	Labour Force, Teenage Employment and Unemployment, Australia, Data Report, April 1999, Preliminary (\$40.00)
6265.0	Underemployed Workers, Australia, September 1999 (\$19.00)
6306.0	Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 1998 (\$22.00)
6422.0	Information Paper, Producer Price Index Developments, 1999 (\$10.00)
7215.0	Livestock products, Australia, March 1999 (\$17.50)
7218.0	Livestock and Meat, Australia, March 1999 (\$15.00)
8133.0	Business Use of Information Technology, 1997-98, Preliminary (\$15.00)
8140.0	Business Operations and Industry Performance Australia, 1996-97, (\$19.00)
8147.0	Use of Internet by Householders, Australia, November 1998 (\$16.00)

8149.0	Human Resources in Science and Technology, Australia, 1996 (\$18.00)
8301.0	Manufacturing Production, Australia, March 1999 (\$15.00)
8501.0	Retail Trade, Australia, March 1999 (\$16.50)
8504.0	Sales of Australian Wine and Brandy by Winemakers, March 1999 (\$15.00)
8508.0	Information Paper, Seasonal and Trading Day Influences on Retail Trade in December, 1999 (\$10.00)
8647.0	Gambling Industries, Australia, 1997-98, Preliminary (\$15.50)
8731.1	Building Approvals, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, February 1999 (\$18.00)
8752.1	Building Activity, New South Wales, December 1998 (\$16.50)

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